



House of Representatives

File No. 880

General Assembly

January Session, 2011 **(Reprint of File No. 549)**

Substitute House Bill No. 6224
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
June 2, 2011

**AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT
OPERATE DROP-IN PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN FROM THE
STATE'S CHILD DAY CARE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 19a-77 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2011*):

4 (b) For licensing requirement purposes, child day care services shall
5 not include such services which are:

6 (1) (A) Administered by a public school system, or (B) administered
7 by a municipal agency or department and located in a public school
8 building;

9 (2) Administered by a private school which is in compliance with
10 section 10-188 and is approved by the State Board of Education or is
11 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of
12 Education;

13 (3) Classes in music, dance, drama and art that are no longer than
14 two hours in length; classes that teach a single skill that are no longer
15 than two hours in length; library programs that are no longer than two
16 hours in length; scouting; programs that offer exclusively sports
17 activities; rehearsals; academic tutoring programs; or programs
18 exclusively for children thirteen years of age or older;

19 (4) Informal arrangements among neighbors or relatives in their
20 own homes, provided the relative is limited to any of the following
21 degrees of kinship by blood or marriage to the child being cared for or
22 to the child's parent: Child, grandchild, sibling, niece, nephew, aunt,
23 uncle or child of one's aunt or uncle;

24 (5) Drop-in supplementary child care operations for educational or
25 recreational purposes and the child receives such care infrequently
26 where the parents are on the premises;

27 (6) Drop-in supplementary child care operations in retail
28 establishments where the parents are on the premises for retail
29 shopping, in accordance with section 19a-77a, provided that the drop-
30 in supplementary child-care operation does not charge a fee and does
31 not refer to itself as a child day care center;

32 (7) Drop-in programs administered by a nationally chartered boys'
33 and girls' club;

34 (8) Religious educational activities administered by a religious
35 institution exclusively for children whose parents or legal guardians
36 are members of such religious institution;

37 (9) Administered by Solar Youth, Inc., a New Haven-based
38 nonprofit youth development and environmental education
39 organization, provided Solar Youth, Inc. informs the parents and legal
40 guardians of any children enrolled in its programs that such programs
41 are not licensed by the Department of Public Health to provide child
42 day care services; [or]

43 (10) Programs administered by organizations under contract with
44 the Department of Social Services pursuant to section 17b-851a that
45 promote the reduction of teenage pregnancy through the provision of
46 services to persons who are ten to nineteen years of age, inclusive; or

47 (11) Administered by the Cardinal Shehan Center, a Bridgeport-
48 based nonprofit organization that is exclusively for school age
49 children, provided the Cardinal Shehan Center informs the parents
50 and legal guardians of any children enrolled in its programs that such
51 programs are not licensed by the Department of Public Health to
52 provide child day care services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2011	19a-77(b)

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 12 \$	FY 13 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Revenue Loss	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill exempts the Cardinal Shehan Center from child day care licensing requirements, resulting in a General Fund revenue loss of \$500 every four years¹.

The Out Years

The General Fund revenue loss identified above will continue into the future subject to the continuance of the Cardinal Shehan Center.

¹ Pursuant to CGS Sec. 19a-80, the licensure fee for a child day care center is \$500 for a term of four years.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6224 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT OPERATE DROP-IN PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN FROM THE STATE'S CHILD DAY CARE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill exempts from day care licensing requirements child day care services administered by the Cardinal Shehan Center in Bridgeport, as long as the center informs the enrolled children's parents and guardians that its programs are not licensed by the Department of Public Health (DPH) for such purposes. It does this by adding the center to other programs and organizations like boys' and girls' clubs that are currently exempt. By law, DPH regulates and licenses child day care centers and group and family day care homes.

*House Amendment "A" substitutes the Cardinal Shehan Center for the more generally worded exemption in the original bill (File 549) that applied to an unnamed nonprofit organization operating in a municipality with a population of at least 130,000 (which would apply only to Bridgeport) that provides recreational, athletic, and educational activities for at least 4,000 children ages five to 18 in a year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/03/2011)

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (04/01/2011)